

September 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian

Visit to Cern – European Organisation for Nuclear Research – Geneva

Following our highly successful trip this July, we would like to offer students the opportunity to visit CERN in Geneva in July 2020.

At CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, physicists and engineers are probing the fundamental structure of the universe. They use the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments to study the basic constituents of matter – the fundamental particles. Students will have a chance to tour the facility, as well as meet some of the professors working at the facility. We will also take in a number of the sights in Geneva with the full itinerary to follow.

Organised by the well-established Tour Operator, Diverse School Travel, the proposed dates are **Monday 20 to Friday 24 July 2020**, which is the **first week of the summer school holidays**. The cost will include the following:

- Return Flights from Manchester to Geneva and return transport to the airport
- Half Board accommodation – 5 Days (4 Nights) and full insurance
- Full day in CERN
- Guided tour of United Nations
- A visit to the Red Cross Museum
- Mont Salève Cable Car Guided tour
- Bureau de la Montagne du Salève
- History of Science Museum
- Fondue evening
- Lake cruise on Lake Geneva
- Jardin Botaniques Genève
- Laser Tag

The cost of the trip is dependent on numbers however, we anticipate the price to be between £680.00 and £699.00 and this will be confirmed once we know the final numbers. If you would like your son/daughter to go on the trip, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £150.00 by **Friday 27 September 2019** on ParentPay. Please contact Mrs Holey (h.holey@staidans.co.uk) in the Finance Office at St Aidan's if you do not have your log on details. Subsequent payments will be due in **January 2020** and **May 2020**. You will receive reminder letters or emails prior to the due dates.

Please note that all payments for this trip are non-refundable, as we have to make regular payments to the Tour Operator. I would be grateful therefore if you could discuss this opportunity with your son/daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at the Associated Sixth Form. When accompanying children on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that students are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip, the school staff have to be confident that a student will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

Once the deadline of Friday 27 September 2019 has passed, we will look at the behaviour, attendance and the wellbeing of each student and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands of the trip. The decision to allow the students to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, the Head of Year and Senior Staff. If we decide the trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and deposits in this case will be refunded.

Once a student has been accepted onto a trip if, in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, there are concerns again about the pupil's participation on the trip, **the Head of the Associated Sixth Form reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place and any payments made may not be refunded.**

If you have any queries about the trip, or if meeting the initial deadline for payment presents a problem, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Collins, the Trips Administrator on 01423 818527.

Regards

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